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Fort Almanac—Dec. 25

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Day's Length	9 h 43 m
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High Water at Wilmington	10 09 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 33°; 8 p. m., 39°; maximum, 38°; minimum, 29°; mean, 35°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.97.

Forecast for Saturday, partly cloudy weather; north to northeast winds; warmer Saturday night.

OUTLINES.

Bradstreets report a good retail trade in the West and at some Southern points, yet collections and business in this section would be larger but for the low price of cotton at the East seasonable conditions prevail; business failures are about normal. ——Schooner Samuel Hall, from Wilmington, N. C., for New York, with lumber, went ashore near Cape Henry, Va., and will probably be a total loss, crew saved. ——Government officials report a filibustering expedition planned to depart for Cuba from the Florida coast to day or to-morrow. —— Explosions at the Acetylene Liquifying Company's works, in Jersey City, caused the loss of two lives and $30,000 damage to the works. ——The world's visible supply of cotton, as reported by the New Orleans exchange is 4,146,455 bales, against 4,178,975 last year. ——A receiver has been appointed for the Herring Hall-Marvin Company, manufacturers of safes. ——The bank examiner declines to make statement regarding assets and liabilities of the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia. ——The Coliseum in Chicago in which the last Democratic National Convention was held, was destroyed by fire last night; several lives were lost; the building was insured for $120 000; no idea can be formed of the loss, as there were about a hundred booths in the place filled with goods. ——The roasting plant of the Atlantic Peanut Company, Norfolk, Va., gutted by fire; loss about $3 500. ——The dismemberment of China was the topic of discussion at a meeting of the Washington Cabinet yesterday; it was determined to keep a watchful eye on the situation in order that full protection be given the interests of the United States in China. —— England and Japan have arrived at an understanding and will probably make a joint naval demonstration in China waters. ——Russia is preparing temporary quarters for 10.000 troops at Port Arthur; there is said to be good reason to believe that Great Britain will actively oppose the Russian annexation of Corea and Northern Chinese —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 3@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 3½@3 per cent.; cotton quiet; middling 5 15 16c; flour dull and nominal; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red $1 03¾ f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot firm; No. 2 35c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm.

If Weyler is hankering for a vindication let him show up his bank books and explain how he got his money.

An Illinois man, who is sentenced to be hanged, wants to make it a social affair and asks to take his swing in evening dress.

England will oppose the partition of China "unless she is consulted," which is to say unless he gets a pretty big chunk herself.

The Chinese brag on having invented gun powder. But they never learned how to use it, and that's what's the matter with China now.

The Governor of Kansas wants a little irrigating canal from Montana down through Texas, a length of 1,700 miles. It will cost only $360,000,000.

Spain is horrified at the fate of Ruiz. But Spain wasn't horrified at the fate of the many thousands of Cubans who perished under Weyler's savagery.

A St. Louis man who is credited with having four hearts, died recently. What use he had for so many hearts, is not stated. Lucky for him he didn't have four livers to tussle with.

There is an increasing demand in Europe for gold. Germany is adding to her stock as other Governments are. If this keeps on they will be drawing on this country before long and then the tapping of the Treasury will begin.

They are beginning to find some use for the rabbit in Virginia besides hunting it for sport. About $10,000 worth of them have been shipped from the Northern Neck this season and about 20,000, which sold for $2,000, from one county.

A California paper informs us that "Durrant has been sentenced to be hanged four times." They haven't hanged him the first time yet, but by the time they have swung him four times the presumption is that California justice will be appeased.

Mayor Strong, of New York, had 103 invitations to dine this year and accepted thirty-one of them. He is going around on a pair of crutches while he nurses a large sized case of gout. If he had attended all of them he might be going around on wheels.

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THE STAR greets its readers this morning and wishes them a merry and a happy Christmas and a prosperous and a happy New Year. It would not wish them less, it could not wish them more.

There are said to be only fourteen surviving veterans of the war of 1812, but there are 3,287 widows of soldiers of 1812 drawing pensions. With this as a starter some clever figurer might figure out how many widows of the late "onpleasantness" we will have on the pension lists eighty-five years hence.

The town of Friedenville, in Pennsylvania, claims to have twenty persons who are over 90 years of age and five who are over a hundred. That's one of those nice, quiet towns where people don't hustle around enough to wear and tear soon. But then maybe they have some accomplished liars up there

Much ado has been made over the killing of Ruiz, who was caught inside of the Cuban lines as an emissary of autonomy. But it seems that instead of being lured to his death, as Maceo was, he penetrated the lines after repeated warnings and full knowledge of what his fate would be if caught.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

STAR—Printer wanted.
D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
HALL & PEARSALL—Silt.
OPERA HOUSE—The Lees.
J. W. PLUMMER—Don't go.
SAM'L BEAR, SR.—Wanted.
E. VANLAER—New pianos.
W. B COOPER—Free silver.
SEACOAST ROAD—Extra train.
S. W. SANDERS—Fat turkeys.
F. T. MILLS—Horses and mules.
KING GROCERY CO—Fireworks.
F. H. STEDMAN—Money to lend.
D. O'CONNOR—Real estate agent.
W. E. WORTH & CO—Banner coal.
I. B. RHODES—Culinary triumph.
J. W. BLOUNT—Business for sale.
A. D. BROWN—Notice to patrons.
HICKS BUNTING—Holiday goods.
R. R BELLAMY—Complete stock
CITIZENS' B & L. A.—New stock.
MYERS & LEWIS—X mas novelties.
S. R. TOWNSEND—Presses for sale.
PALACE MARKET—Choice edibles.
J. W. MURCHISON—Onward, march!
WORTH & WORTH—Fine seed oats.
WIL. STP WORKS—Rubber stamps
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK—Statem't
A. F. FANTOPULAR—Christmas goods
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN—Provisions.
J. H. REHDER & CO.—X mas presents
EMILY WILLIAMS—Executrix's notice.
F. H STEDMAN—Fire and tornado insu.
MASONIC—Meeting Concord Chapter.
MERCER & EVANS—Merry Christm s.
C. W. POLVOGT CO—Greatest values.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—Active man to travel.
P. H. HAYDEN—Dog carts, harness.

Dr. Blue Mountain Joe.

Mr. Geo. T. Brown, of the tobacco firm of Brown & Williamson, of Winston, arrived in the city last night to claim the ownership of Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's tent, which was being held by the sheriff to satisfy a judgment of $913 18 and the usual court costs. Mr. Brown at once secured counsel, and yesterday afternoon gave $600 bond to stay the execution and sale of the tent until the matter is settled. Upon furnishing the bond required, the sheriff relinquished possession of the tent, which was again last night, after several days of decided gloom, brilliantly illuminated, and one of Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's fine performances was presented before the audience.

Mr. Brown returned to Winston last night.

British Steamships Cleared and in Port.

The British steamer *Magdala*, Capt. Reid, was cleared yesterday for Bremen, Germany, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with a cargo of cotton, valued at $350,838. This is the second cargo of cotton that the *Magdala* has taken out. There are still in port four steamships, three British and one Norwegian.

At Immanuel Church To-Day.

There will be preaching and special Christmas services at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, beginning at 11 o'clock to-day. At the close of the services the members of the Boys' Brigade will present a testimonial to their commander, Col. Walker Taylor.

Came Near Being a Serious Accident.

Miss Mattie Strauss was out bicycle-riding yesterday afternoon and came near being run over by a dray. She saw her danger in time to jump from the wheel and get out of danger. The wheel was completely wrecked.

Commencing December 27th there will be given in the store of The C. W. Polvogt Co. a demonstration of The N. K. Fairbank Co.'s well known "Fairy" Soap. Pure, White and Floating, at which purchasers of "Fairy" Soap will be given a beautiful Fairy Floral Calendar free. Miss Ophelia C. Northam, so well known to the people of Wilmington, will have entire charge of the demonstration.
THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— At any time to day Mayor Wright can be found at the City Hall.

— The new pastor, Rev. G. D. Langston, preaches at Bladen Street M E. Church to-morrow.

— The ordinance of baptism will be administered to several candidates at the First Baptist church Sunday morning.

— During the past week Register of Deeds Norwood issued marriage licenses to four white and eight colored couples.

— The condition of Mr. R. C. Bowden, who has been suffering from a stroke of paralysis, was somewhat improved yesterday.

— The STAR will take its only holiday of the year 1897 to-day. There will, consequently, be no issue of the paper to-morrow. But we'll "see you later."

— Rev. Andrew P. Tyer, the new pastor of Grace M. E Church, preaches his first sermon as pastor of that church on to morrow, and every member is urged to be present.

— The records in the office of Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, show that during the past week there were three deaths, all colored, and six births—two whites and four colored.

— The election of officers of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held next Monday night. The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and trustees will be chosen to serve during the ensuing year.

— The United States revenue cutter *Lot M. Morrill* arrived in port yesterday morning. Her crew will spend their Christmas in Wilmington. She will leave on her regular winter cruise early Sunday morning.

— Both the postoffice and the express people have been busy with Christmas packages. It is noticed in the postoffice, that while there has been a third more packages coming in than there was last year, the number going out has been perceptibly smaller.

— Rev. J. W. Kramer has been invited to deliver a special sermon before Oriental Lodge No 1 and Jewel Lodge No. 2, Order of Seven Wise Men, to-morrow night at Brooklyn Baptist church. The lodges will attend in a body.

— The STAR has received from Messrs. Powers, Gibbs & Co. a very handsome calendar for 1898. The illustration, representing a stag at bay with the hounds around him, is excellent, and was doubtless suggested by Mr. Powers, who is the "field editor" of the firm.

— At a meeting of the board of directors of the Atlantic National bank held this week a semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent. was declared and $5.000 was ordered carried to the surplus account, which amount was taken out of the past six months' earnings.

Cotton Receipts Will Be Larger than Ever Before.

The weekly statement of cotton and naval stores, appearing in another column, shows that the receipts of cotton for the week ending yesterday were 11 853 bales These figures are considerably above those for the corresponding week of 1896, when the receipts were only 7,596. The season's receipts are 259,687, against 306 093 up to the corresponding date last year. There is no doubt now that the receipts of cotton at the port of Wilmington for the season of 1897-'98 will be considerably in excess of the receipts for any previous year.

The Case Against Chief of Police Melton and Others.

The case against Chief of Police John R. Melton and policemen C. O. Knox, Rowan Green and F. P. Toomer, charged with committing assault and battery upon the person of Deputy Sheriff Wm. Galon (as told in the STAR) came up for trial in Justice McGowan's court yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, but upon motion of the defendant's counsel the case was postponed and set for trial next Wednesday. Bellamy & Bellamy have been engaged as counsel for the defendants.

Christmas Fox Hunt.

Old Reynard will be hotly chased today. Several of Wilmington's sportsmen will leave this morning for Greenville Sound to try their skill. The weather promises to be fine and bracing, and the sport will doubtless be ideal. Some of the party are Messrs. Gabriel Holmes, G. G. Watts, A. P. Adrian, Dr. A. H. Harriss. There will be some 10 or 12 in all.

The New Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, who has accepted the pastorate of St. Paul's Lutheran church, arrived in the city last evening and will hold service to-day at 11 a. m. in English. On Sunday services will be in English in the morning and in German at night. A large congregation is expected and seats will be free to all.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

The following appointive officers have been selected for the ensuing Masonic year and will be installed on next Monday afternoon, St. John's day viz:

S. D.—James Calder.
J. D.—T. Jasper Pratt.
Stewards—Rev. J. W. Kramer and J. Frank Maunder.
Tiler—Thos. H. Johnson.

On account Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. P. & A. M., Oxford N. C., January 11th, the Seaboard Air Line will sell tickets from Wilmington to Oxford at rate of $6 10 for the round trip Tickets on sale January 8th to 11th, inclusive, final limit January 18th, 1898

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Beautifully Decorated for the Christmas Season—Musical Programme for Services To-day.

The following excellent programme of music will be observed at St. James' Episcopal church to-day and also on Sunday:

Processional hymn, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," J. Reading
"Nativity," Harry Rowe Shelley
Glorias, P. Schnecker
Te Deum in D, H. R Shelley
Jubilate Deo in G, H. N Bartlett
Introit hymn No. 57, "Sing O Sing," C. F. Roper
Kyrie in F, E. H. Munson
Gloria Tibi in B, L L Curtiss
Hymn No. 61, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices, G. J. W.
Offertory Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Wm. Read
Response to Offertory No. 484, Anon
Sanctus. No. 444,
Communion hymn No. 235, J. S. B Hodges
Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant
Recessional hymn No. 51, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn.

The choir is composed of 14 boys, 11 ladies, and 6 gentlemen as follows: Ed. Bailey, Rob Calder, Willie Gore, Fred. Hamme, Charlie Morriss, Norwood Orrell, Lewis Orrell, Harry Poezolt, Alban Pleasants, Howard St. John, Joe Smith, Willie Smith, Harry West, Charlie Yopp, Mrs. W. L Latta, Misses Fair W. Payne, Lola Martin, Carrie Myers, Annie Lee, Annie B. DeRosset, Mattie Horne, Cammie Lord, Ada Cooper, Belle Anderson and Elizabeth Waddell, Messrs. C. H. Cooper, J V B. Metts, Eugene Beery, Thomas DeRosset, Robert Rankin and A. S. Holden. Mr. E. H. Munson will be the organist.

The church is beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Three magnificent arches of evergreen span the interior of the building, the centre arch bearing an illuminated star at the apex; over the pulpit and the lectern are two screens of closely woven cedar, smilax and holly. The design and decorations are the work of Mr. John Knight, who deserves credit for the taste and skill displayed.

WHITE MAN ARRESTED.

Charged With Being An Escaped Murderer From South Carolina.

Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn yesterday afternoon arrested a young white man, who gives his name as Oscar Edwards, on a warrant from Justice McGowan's court alleging that Edwards is an escaped murderer from the South Carolina penitentiary. The arrest was made upon information received and upon Edward's appearance exactly answering to the description of the escaped convict. A STAR representative gathered yesterday afternoon that last February in York county, South Carolina, two men and a woman were tried for killing a man, and that the woman was acquitted and the two men were sentenced to life imprisonment in the State prison, but both men soon afterwards made their escape. Edwards, it was alleged, is one of the escaped murderers, who went by the name of Daniel F. Luckey.

Edwards stated that he was born in Bladen county, this State, and has never in his life been further south than Hub, N. C.; that last February he was at the home of his parents in Abbottsburg, splitting rails, and returned to this city last October, and that he and his wife now reside corner of Seventh and Castle streets. He further stated that several years ago he worked for the Wilmington Street Railway Company, this city, and that he is well known here. The charge that he is an escaped murderer or convict he denies.

The accused was committed to jail to await a further investigation as to his identity.

Nose Broken by a Mule's Kick.

Mr. Joe Clariday, who works for Mr. Tom Sullivan, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon while shoeing a mule. He was holding the mule's foot between his legs preparing to fasten on the shoe, when the mule gave him a kick in the face, breaking the nose and bruising the right side of the face. Luckily the shoe had not been put on, or the lick might have been more serious. Mr. Clariday's injuries were attended to by Dr. A. H. Harriss.

At the Postoffice To Day.

At the Postoffice to day Sunday hours will be observed, with the exception that the carriers will make an early morning delivery, and the general delivery will be open from 6 to 7 o'clock in the evening. The mails will be received and dispatched as usual, and the clerks who will be in attendance will show every courtesy to persons enquiring for mails.

Chinaman Selects the Christmas Season For His Wedding.

Register of Deeds Norwood issued on yesterday license for the marriage of Tene Wiley, a Chinese truck grower, to Mary Telfair, colored. The Chinee is 40 years of age and his dusky bride-elect is 24. The register entered Tene as a "colored" man, which is strictly speaking correct, but not as the word is commonly used.

St. John's Day.

Next Monday, the 27th day of December, is known in Masonic circles as St. John the Evangelist's day, and it will be celebrated by the craft of this city by St. John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington Lodge No. 319, and Orient Lodge No. 393 assembling at St. John's Hall at 3 30 p. m. and installing the elective and appointive officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

THE FISHBLATE ASSIGNMENT.

Motion to Vacate Warrant of Attachment Allowed—Appeal to the Superior Court Taken by Plaintiffs.

Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, yesterday rendered the following judgment in the suit of Wallerstein & Klee, a clothing firm in New York city, against S. H. Fishblate dealer in clothing, etc., this city, viz:

The cause being heard upon the motion of McNeill and Bellamy, attorneys for plaintiffs, to amend the warrant of attachment so as to insert the return day, which was omitted, and of Bryan and Strange, defendant's counsel, to dismiss the attachment for error appearing upon the face of the paper, who make a special appearance for that purpose, and the court desiring at its conclusion to take an advisory upon that motion, a general appearance was then entered by said counsel for said defendant and they moved to dissolve the attachment upon its merits, and that question was argued upon and affidavits filed by both plaintiffs and defendant. At the conclusion of said argument and after consideration of the whole matter, the court adjudged:

First. That the warrant of attachment be amended by inserting therein the return day, to wit: The sixth Monday before the first Monday of March, 1898.

Second. The court doth further adjudge that the motion of the defendant to vacate the warrant of attachment be and the same is hereby allowed, because there has been no disposition of any property by the defendant, S. H. Fishblate, for the purpose of hindering, delaying or defrauding the plaintiffs or any other creditors.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of Superior Court.

The plaintiffs except to so much of said judgment as vacates the attachment and appeals to the judge of the Superior Court. Notice of appeal waived and no bond required. The defendants, S. H. Fishblate and A. G. Ricaud, intervener, except to so much of judgment as allows the amendment to such warrant of attachment, and appeals.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of Superior Court.

Messrs. Wallerstein & Klee, through their counsel, sued out an attachment on Mr. S. H. Fishblate a day previous to the Fishblate assignment (as told in the STAR).

The Hypnotist Show.

In spite of last night being Christmas Eve a fair audience attended the entertainment given by the Lee hypnotists at the Opera House.

Prof. Lee gave an interesting talk on the subject of hypnotism, and then asked that several gentlemen come upon the stage and be hypnotised. He made them do many ridiculous things, but the most ludicrous scene of all was the last, when he scattered the subjects in the aisles of the dress circle and made them imagine they were playing a game of base ball. They were made to suppose that the umpire was partial to their opponents, and the way they kicked on his decisions was funny.

The company gives a farewell entertainment to night, and the Opera House will doubtless be packed.

University Dramatic Club.

The prospects for a large and fashionable audience being at the Opera House next Friday night to witness the first appearance in this city of the University Dramatic Club, presenting "London Assurance," are, to use a trite expression, "simply great." The patronesses of the presentation will be as follows, viz: Mrs. C. W. Polvogt, Mrs. J. D. Bellamy, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., Mrs. Rheinstein, Mrs. J. W. Norwood, Mrs. Geo. W. Kidder, Mrs. James Sprunt, Mrs Harry Watters, Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Mrs. W. G Elliott, Mrs. Hector Green, Mrs. Gabe Holmes and Mrs. Geo. Honnett.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mr. Dozier Foy Accidentally Shot at Scott's Hill.

Mr. Dozier Foy, the son of Mr. F. M. Foy, of Scott's Hill, was accidentally shot and seriously injured yesterday. The particulars of the accident could not be learned, as the only information was in the shape of a telegram calling Dr. J. C. Shepard. Later Dr. Shepard telegraphed Dr. F. H. Russell to come to assist him in performing an operation.

Neither Dr. Russell nor Dr. Shepard will get back before this morning. It is thought by young Mr. Foy's friends that his injuries, while quite serious, are not fatal.

A Scrap on Front Street.

Zoro Eanett, a young white man, and David Thompson, colored, got into a dispute last night on Front street, between Dock and Orange.

Both were arrested and escorted to the City Hall, where the white man gave bond for his appearance at trial and Thompson was committed to jail in default of bond. Eanett had bruises on his face, and Thompson wears a cut over his eye.

Resting Well Yesterday.

James Russell Wood, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wood and Lizzette Prempert, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prempert's five-year old daughter, were both painfully burned in the face day before yesterday by an explosion of gunpowder. Both were resting well yesterday, though the little boy's eyes are still closed, and there is a possibility that his eyesight will be affected.

Work on the Elrod-Hub Branch.

Dr. Q. F. Nixon, who has been stationed at Elrod, has been transferred to Castle Haynes, and is in the city on his way to that place. He says that there are 103 convicts at work on the new branch of the A. C. L., and that it has been completed to a point seven miles from Elrod.

Foreman—Melton.

Last Wednesday night, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, a very pretty marriage was celebrated. The contracting parties were Mr. J. N. Foreman and Miss Amy Melton, and the ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. P. Morton.

— Miss Abbie McKenzie, of Athens, Ga., is visiting Mrs. W. J. Waren, at No. 507 Princess street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Thos. Wilson, of Salem, was here yesterday.

— Mr. N. Sidbury, of Scott's Hill, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Walker Meares arrived yesterday to spend the holidays.

— Mr. E. C. Register, of Charlotte, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. J. P. Glenn, of Clemson, S. C., was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

—Mr. Robert Scott left last night to spend the holidays with relatives in New York.

— Mr. J. P. King has arrived in the city from Alcolu, S. C., to visit friends.

— Mr. C. M. Williams, of Macon, Ga., is in the city to visit his family, who reside here.

— Dr. N. M. Culbreth has gone to his former home, Whiteville, to spend the holidays.

— Mr. J. D. Smith has returned from an extensive tour on insurance adjustment business.

— Mr. Lee H. Battle left last evening to spend Christmas in Durham, his former home.

— Mr. John Frank of the W. U. T. Company left last night to spend Christmas at Alexandria, Va.

— Miss Berta Bell, of Pollocksville, arrived in the city last evening and will spend Christmas here.

— Mr. Alex. M. McClure has returned from attending school at Red Springs to spend Christmas.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Oldham, Jr., have gone to Richmond to spend Christmas with Mrs. Oldham's sisters.

— Mr. J. Mc. Moore, of the Atlantic Coast Line, left last night to spend the holidays at his home in Greenville.

— Mr. John Moore, of Wilson, arrived in the city last evening to play foot ball with the A. C. L. team to day.

— Mr. Carl Barry, of Jacksonville, was in the city yesterday, returning from Hub to his home for the holidays.

— Miss Katie Costin, of Masonboro Sound, arrived in the city to spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. Daniel Costin.

— Mr. G. W. Cherry, of Portsmouth, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of his father-in-law, Prof. E. Van Laer.

— Dr. E. A. Alderman, President of the State University, is in the city to spend the holidays with his brother-in-law, Mr. Hector Green.

— Mr. Victor T. Boatwright, a Wilmington boy who now resides in Portsmouth, Va., has returned to spend the Christmas season.

— Messrs. W. A. Williams and T. H. Barbee, of Wake Forest, are in the city and will line up with the O. A. N. team in the foot ball game to-day.

— Col. W. W. Haywood, editor of the Raleigh *Tribune* during its brief existence, is in the city for a day or so. He is a newspaper man of varied experience and is always cordially greeted here.

— Mr. Malcolm McIntyre, a son of Mr. Thomas A. McIntyre, Mr. Jos. A. Knox, and Miss A. L. Stewart, arrived last evening and took a special train for Verona, to join Mr. McIntyre and party.

FOOT BALL GAME TO DAY

Between Teams of the A. C. L. and O. A. N.—The Line-up Game to be Called Promptly at 3 30 P. M.

Christmas is here and the long talked of foot ball game between the old rivals, the A. C. L. and O. A. N. teams, will be played this afternoon at Hilton Park. The Park has been put in readiness for the game, a fence having been built to enclose the gridiron, and a spacious grand stand to accommodate about 600 people has been erected. The Street Railway Company will have all their equipment in service and will therefore be able to promptly handle the crowd. Between the halves of the game, Prof. Cogan, the champion slack wire-walker of the world will give a free exhibition to those attending the foot ball game. Arrangements could not be made to stretch the wire across the river and the Street Railway Company decided to have the exhibition during the game.

Prices of admission to the grounds will be for gentlemen, 25 cents; ladies and children, 15 cents.

The teams will line as follows:

A. C. L.		O. A. N.
Hackey	l e	Gore, C.
Williams (Rob)	l f	McDay
Wenberg	l g	Barbee
King	c	Gordon
Savage	r g	Williams, W. O.
Holland	r t	Lewis
Wootten, E. A.	r e	Latham, capt.
Peschau	q b	Green
Sinclair, capt.	l h b	Bellamy, H.
Moore, John,	r h b	Hatch
Taylor	f b	Daggett

Substitutes—A. C. C., Herring, Steleges, LeGwin, Wannamaker—O. A. N., Parker, Davis, J., McMillan, Brown.

Mr. Arthur Belden will act as referee, Mr. John D. Bellamy, Jr., 2nd, umpire, and Bradley Wootten and Ed. McKoy linemen.

The game will be called promptly at 3 30 p. m.

The A. C. L. colors are orange and black; O. A. N., red and blue.

Concord Chamber No. 1, R. A. M.

The officers of Concord Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, for the ensuing year, will be installed Monday evening next (St. John's Day) with the usual ceremonies, beginning at 8.30 o'clock. There will be, besides, an address by Rev. A. D. McClure, and a banquet for members of the Chapter and attending ladies. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Munson Quartette with a solo by Miss Kenan.

1898. 1898.

We wish to begin the New Year with clean books. All accounts with us are made out and are due on the first of the year. We hope all persons indebted to us will come forward and settle promptly. We wish our many customers a Happy New Year, and beg a continuance of their patronage.

Respectfully,

A. D. BROWN,

No. 29 North Front St.

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The Churches.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 4 00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D. pastor. Divine service at 11 a. m. and 8 00 p. m. Morning service a children's service and the evening sermon will be especially for young men and women at home from school and college. Young people's prayer meeting at 7 30 in p m. Sunday School at 3 30 p. m Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 0. p. m. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m and 7 30 p. m. Junior Y. P. S. C. E 10.00 a. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E. 6 45 p. m. Sabbath School at 3 30 p. m. Prayer and Praise Wednesday at 8 p. m. All welcome. Seats free.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. C. Morton, Pastor Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a m and 7 15 p. m. Sunday School at 3 3. p. m. Christian Endeavor society every Wednesday night Sewing School Tuesday and Saturday 3.30 to 4 30 p m.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets; Rev. F. H Farrington, pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3 30 p m. Weekly Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a m and 8 p m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—There will be a special Convocation Monday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, for the installation of officers
By order of the High Priest,
W. A. MARTIN,
de 25 1t Secretary.

Printer Wanted.

A young man who has had experience as compositor on daily papers, and who has good recommendations, may secure a situation as Two-Thirder by applying promptly at the de 19 3t STAR OFFICE.

Xmas Presents

FOR GENTLEMEN, WHAT IS MORE DESirable than a nice stiff or soft Hat or an Umbrella? Then go to HAMME, The Hatter. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.
dec 24 tf 26 North Front Street.

Wilmington Seacoast Railroad.

CHRISTMAS DAY AN EXTRA TRAIN will run, leaving the city at 9 30 o'clock a. m., and returning, leave Wrightsville Beach at 11 00 o'clock a m. de 21 tf

Valuable Mercantile
Business For Sale

A VALUABLE MERCANTILE BUSINESS, consisting of Stock, General Merchandise, Store Fixtures and Store House to rent three years with the privilege of five o more years, being the business owned and run by he late C. L. Mallard at Wallace N. C., about thirty-eight miles from Wilmington, N. C., on the W. & W. R. R.; one of the

Finest Trucking and Cotton Sections

in North Carolina. Business large and successful. Bids invited for the purchase of same until January 16th, 1898. NO PREFERENCE GIVEN ANY ONE. Terms Cash or first-class security. Business open every day for inspection at Wallace.

Book accounts will be sold also if agreeable. A good class of credit and cash customers.

Address all communications to me at Kenansville, N. C. Creditors are requested to send in claims properly proven for examination.

JAMES W. BLOUNT,
Executor to will of late L. L. Mallard.
Dec. 23, 1897.
P. S.—The right reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. J. W. B.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Year's work has been hard; but the results are very gratifying. We sincerely thank our friends and the general public for their liberal patronage.

AND

Earnestly soliciting a continuation and increase of same, we wish you all the joy, happiness and pleasure the season brings; also,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS.
H. C. Evans's old stand. dec 25 tf

Palace Market,

Corner Second and Market Sts.

Offers to the public the following choice edibles for Christmas week:

Fine Beef, Mutton, Pork, large and Roast Pig also, Dressed Turkeys, Dressed Chickens, Dressed Geese, Live and Dressed Quail, Corn Pork Ham, Corn Beef, Pork Sausage Meat, Pork Links, &c.

Choice Celery at reasonable rates.

You are invited to call and see before you purchase elsewhere.

Respectfully,
G. E. TILLY,
de 23 3t we th ft Manager.

Vollers & Hashagen,

BROKERS AND MANUFACTURERS' DISTRIBUTING AGENTS.

Provisions, Lard, Sugars, Flours, Grain, Hay.

We are sole Agents for Powell, Smith & Co.'s celebrated brands of Cigars:

Renown
Smokettes,
Cuban Blossom.

We sell at Wholesale only and solicit inquiries as to prices in car lots and less.

Office and warehouses A. C. Line tracks, Nutt St., Wilmington, N. C.
de 18 tf

FIREWORKS TO BURN

If you want a pound of

Nice Candy, we have it.

If you want a pound of

Cheap Candy, we have it.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, Manager,
Bell Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
de 24 tf

At the Unlucky Corner

PLENTY OF FAT

Turkeys and Celery.

CUT PRICES THIS WEEK ON

Pure Leaf Lard.

S. W. SANDERS.
de 15 tf

Don't Go

ANY FURTHER FOR CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES than No. 123 Princess street. Examine our goods and learn our Rock Bottom Prices.

CANDIES,
FRUITS,
NUTS,

AND FIREWORKS to suit the city ordinance. A penny saved is a penny made. A word to the wise is sufficient.
Bell 'Phone 373. JNO. W. PLUMMER, Jr.
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OPERA HOUSE.

WEEK COMMENCING
Monday, December 20,
SATURDAY MATINEE.

The Lees

Great Company of HYPNOTISTS.
Change of program nightly.
Prices—50, 35, 25 and 15 cents.
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ALL THE LEADING PERFUMES.

SOAPS AND POWDERS,

Cut Glassware, &c., &c.

PURPLE AZALIA, a new perfume, 35 cents dozen.

James D. Nutt,
de 21 tf The Druggist.

Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Eliza A McDuffie, deceased, this is therefore to notify all persons indebted to my said testatrix to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom she was indebted to present their claims to me before the 5th day of December, 1898, or notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This the 1st day of December, 1897.
EMILY WILLIAMS, Executrix.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. 1s de 4 6w

Stoves at Cost.

UNTIL JANUARY 16TH, 1898, WILL SELL any Cook Stove in stock at Cost for cash. JUST RECEIVED a nice line of Christmas Tinware, consisting of Cake Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., etc. "Banner Lamps to burn."
de 19 tf JAS. H. TAYLOR, Jr.

NEW STOCK.

THE CITIZENS BUILDING AND LOAN Association will issue a New Series of Stock on Monday, January 3rd, 1898. This series is limited to 500 shares, a large number of which have already been taken. Parties desiring stock in this issue can have the same reserved for them by leaving their names with the Secretary. J. W. D. BELLAMY, Jr.,
de 17 8t ft 3 m Secretary.

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1897

WAR RELICS.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that nearly all the systems or public policies, nationally speaking, which are the fruit of Republican legislation, are relics of the war which was fought and ended over thirty-two years ago, and there is not one of them from which the country as a whole does not suffer. Up to the time of the adoption of the Morrill tariff—a war measure—we had equitable and non-sectional tariffs. There may have been some fault found with some of them, the duties may have been considered excessive, but there were none of them which were not the essence of equity compared with the tariffs we have had since the Morrill tariff was enacted. That was ostensibly for revenue for war purposes, but the schemers used the war necessity as a dodge to run the duties up to give them "protection," and there never was a tariff enacted since that they didn't do some scheming to hold the protection they had or to get more. They have an average of three times as much now as they had under the Morrill tariff. The grip they got during the war, when they had practically no opposition and no attention was paid to what they were doing, they have held ever since, and instead of its growing weaker it has been growing stronger.

It never showed itself stronger than it did in the movement to nominate McKinley in which a prominent manufacturer, Mark Hanna, led, with scores of manufacturers backing him both with their influence and money, which exercises a persuasive influence in Republican politics and on the result of Republican conventions. Hanna and his lieutenants suceeded, McKinley won, the Republican party was installed in power and we have the most exorbitant, most indefensible and most sectional tariff we ever had. A relic of a system brought forth in the throes of war more than thirty-two years ago.

The money system, which like the present tariff system has grown worse with time, like the tariff was the creation of the same period and begotten of the same causes. We have the greenbacks with us as constant reminders, but they, as the result of circumstances, have rendered some service, after the necessity for which they were created had disappeared. We have also the national bank system created to meet an emergency. These banks filled the object for which they were created and survived the emergency, and have outlived the originally contemplated period of their existence. Under the circumstances they filled a want and still fill it to some extent. Like the tariff they were sectional and are still sectional. They have their strength in the North and through this strength they control the system throughout the country and exert their influence to control the financial policies of the nation.

It was to make way for these that the State banks were taxed out of existence and it is to favor these that the tax on the bank note is maintained. The system was sectional in its origin and is sectional now. The North gets the benefit of it and is supplied with all the circulating medium it needs, but the South and the more sparsely populated Western States suffer because they cannot have these banks in sufficient number, nor other banks, which are practically outlawed, under the present currency system, which originated under an entirely different state of affairs from that which we have now. In other words it is a currency system devised in times of war perpetuated in times of peace when the conditions are entirely different, and for which it is totally inadequate. The national banks may fill the bill for the wealthy States where money is centered and plentiful, and while they do may be acceptable to those States, but they do not fill the bill for the country at large, and it is neither just nor wise to compel the country at large to depend upon them alone for its banking facilities. There are sections which cannot have national banks in such number as would supply them with the necessary volume of currency, but could, if permitted, have other banks which could do that, and these sections should not be deprived of that right out of deference to a system improvised for a certain emergency and which exists to day as a relic of war legislation.

There is no question that the pension system is another relic—and a monstrous one—of that same legislation, grown in proportions like Jonah's gourd. It didn't, like the gourd, grow in a night, but has kept on growing night and day all the time until it has exceeded in proportions all the prophetic estimates of the most liberal prognosticators before the billion dollar statesmen began to show their liberality (with other people's money) to the "defenders of the flag." That is sectional, and is perpetuated with its monstrosities for the same reason that the tariff and the national bank system are, because the North reaps the benefit of it and gets back in addition to what it pays the bulk of the one-third which the South pays. At least nine tenths of the $141,000,000 which will be paid in pensions this fiscal year will go into circulation in the North, and hence the little protest that goes out from that section against this outrageous plundering by which the South suffers for the benefit of other sections.

These are three of the relics of war legislation, and there are others such as bounties, and subsidies, and land grants, etc., but these three are enough to show the character of the statesmanship which has since 1861 controlled the destinies of this country and is now controlling them.

MINOR MENTION.

We made some reference yesterday to the American Cotton growers Protective Association, organized last Monday at Memphis, and commended its objects. Another commendable thing about it is the declaration that "This organization shall take no part in State, National or local politics, and will permit no person to use it for personal advancement or political purpose." This is eminently level headed, and shows that the gentlemen who are in the lead in this movement have not been listless observers of passing events. The Farmers' Alliance started out all right and was full of good promise until aspiring members swung it into politics and then the wedge entered that split it and deprived it of the power to be further useful. Sight was lost of its original purpose, the co operative schemes which, if carried out, would have profited its members much, fell through, and the men who were active in the work of elevating the agricultural industry and benefitting the followers of the plow became absorbed in their own personal schemes of advancement and worked the order for their own benefit. With this example before them, with the practical failure of one of the most promising movements for the farmers of the country, the organizers of this Association have shown their good sense by ruling politics out of it. The men who join it will be interested in politics, as they and all good citizens should be, but they will not, unless false to it, run the organization in their own interests nor in the interests of those who may run them.

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Some of the German papers seem to be exercised over the possibility of an Anglo Japanese American alliance on the Chinese land grabbing question. An alliance between England and Japan is not at all improbable, and that the United States might join in is possible, but not at all probable, for while the United States, from a trade standpoint, are very much interested in that dissecting operation, they haven't the remotest intention of getting mixed up in it. They haven't yet forgotten the counsel of the gentleman who put them up in business advising them to "beware of entangling foreign alliances," and they are not in the very best kind of a fix to be tangled in that way even if they were disposed to forget the parting injunction of a counsellor for whose judgment and wisdom they profess a great deal of respect. They will, therefore, pursue the usual course in such cases of laying low and saying nothing while the royal grabbers on the other side are punching each other over the plunder, and will supply them with all the shooting stuff and incidentals of such rackets as they may need, and so conduct business as to keep on as business like and friendly terms with all of them as possible.

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The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* wrote a short while ago that the President had under advisement the pleadings of the anti-civil service agitators to revoke President Cleveland's last order extending the civil service. Since then the Cabinet has had the matter under consideration, and it was reported that that the conclusion arrived at was to stand by "the principle of the civil service." They couldn't have said less than that if they said anything at all, for there isn't one of them, including the kickers, who doesn't profess loyalty to "the principle" of the civil service. The kickers contend that when their friends and strikers are kept out and the other fellows are kept in "the principle" is violated. But the reports come in such shape now as to leave little doubt that notwithstanding his devotion to "the principle" of civil service, the President will acquiesce in the demands of the kickers, who have enlisted that powerful recruit, Mark Hanna, and will let down the bars to about 45,000 places that the loyal supporters of these kicking statesmen are hankering for. But as this isn't our fight we are not losing any sleep over it, nor worrying in advance over what Mr. McKinley may do or not do.

A Pennsylvania cripple who walked on crutches all the way from his town to Topeka, Kansas, to marry the woman he had won through a matrimonial agency, got kicked when his betrothed saw him. She was no spring pullet but a sage widow of 60 summers who didn't contract for a 33-year old youth and a pair of crutches. He is doing the kicking now and has hired a lawyer to get him some damages. It took him 36 days to amble out to the kicking place.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Have you any special choice which shoe you put on first?"

"No; but I always put on the left shoe last."

— Miss Elderby—Don't you think its horrid to ask one's age?

The Other One—Yes. And it's often so unnecessary.

— She—I noticed Dr. Singleton calling at the house of that young widow almost every day. She must be pretty sick.

He—Not cick; only pretty.

— Something to Boast About: "You say your son graduated with honors?"

"Yes; he could put the shot further than any other man in his class."

— Bob—How did Flimgilt get rich?

Sam—By his shrewd speculation.

Bob—And how did Fucash happen to lose his little property.

Sam—Oh he went and dabbled in stocks.—*Puck*

— He persisted in using a fragment of his broken slate, much to his teacher's disgust. "Why don't you tell your mother you broke your slate?" she asked. "I'm sure she'd get you a new one." "Course she would," replied the boy; "and she'd call it a Christmas present. I'd rather wait until next term before I ask for it."—*Judge*.

— How He Acquired Them: Ned—"Here comes one of my sisters down the avenue."

Hal—"Why, I wasn't aware that you had any sisters?"

Ned—"Oh, yes; I have three—by refusal."

—A Narrow Escape: Dulby (would-be novelist:)—"I've just finished a new novel. If you have a moment to spare I'll show you the proofs"

Wilby—"Oh, never mind about the proofs. I'll take your word for it."—*Chicago Record*.

— Not Entirely Heartless—"No," said Nero, while Rome was burning, as he turned indignantly to one of his advisers, "this is amusement enough I shall not sanction any six-days' bicycle race. I am not altogether a monster!" And he fiddled away.—*Chicago Tribune*

— Smith—"Hear about the fire over on the West Side this morning? Nine persons barely escaped with their lives. Remarkable, wasn't it?"

Brown—"I fail to see anything very remarkable about it."

Smith—"Why no?"

Brown—"Well, suppose they had escaped without their lives—then it would have been truly remarkable."—*Brooklyn Life*

CURRENT COMMENT

— Mr. Bynum dosen't mind the comments of his critics as long as he is able to enjoy his breech-loading sinecure.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

— Secretary Gage's currency plan can be depended upon to furnish Congress with a punching bag of no small proportions.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

— The 600 employes of the Kokomo and Elwood (Ind) glass plants have been forced to submit to the proposition of their employers, and they will return to work at less wages than they were receiving. Another instance of McKinley prosperity.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

— Exports from the United States have increased this year more than $50,000,000, and those of France by $42,000,000, while those of Great Britain have gone backward $23,000,000. Has England's supremacy in manufacture become a vanishing quantity?—*Baltimore Herald, Dem.*

— Mr. Theodore C. Search in his talk to the Manufacturers' Club said that we have in this country nearly 70,000,000 consumers, with facilities for supplying 100,000,000, and that it is therefore necessary to secure a foreign consuming class of 30,000,000 to 40,000,000. But the statesmen at Washington, having done nothing to encourage the shipping that would carry food for these millions abroad, are now cudgeling their brains to keep out of the country the consumers who are necessary to its permanent prosperity.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

Catarrh, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

Glad to Get Rid of Them.

Some years ago a regiment of volunteers was encamped on the outskirts of a country town. Among those whose curiosity led them to the encampment were three hardy laborers.

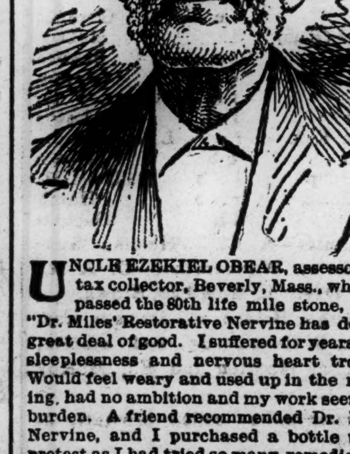
As the three were strolling round the camp they came across a large tent, over which was written the following notice, "Dinners—as much as you like for a shilling." Being hungry, the three went in to dine.

They began their meal, and after five other parties had come in, dined and gone again they were still busy eating. Presently a young man, evidently one of the attendants, came up, and tapping one of them lightly on the shoulder said in a low voice:

"Here, you chaps, my governor sent me to say that if you like to go now he won't charge you anything for what you have already eaten."—Pearson's Weekly.

At Four Score.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health.



UNCLE EZEKIEL OBEAR, assessor and tax collector, Beverly, Mass., who has passed the 80th life mile stone, says: "Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine has done a great deal of good. I suffered for years from sleeplessness and nervous heart trouble. Would feel weary and used up in the morning, had no ambition and my work seemed a burden. A friend recommended Dr. Miles' Nervine, and I purchased a bottle under protest as I had tried so many remedies unsuccessfully, I thought it no use. But it gave me restful sleep, a good appetite and restored me to energetic health. It is a grand good medicine, and I will gladly write anyone inquiring, full particulars of my satisfactory experience."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address,

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DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Headache bad? Get Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles's PAIN PILLS. CURE All Pain. "One cent a dose."

For sale by all Druggists, Change.

June 15 1y su tu th

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fair Bluff *Times*: In a recent visit to Chadbourn we were astonished at the rapid strides being made by the colonists. New residences are going up in all directions and beautiful strawberry farms are seen on every side.

— Mount Airy *News*: Rev. James Needham, perhaps the oldest minister in the United States, was photographed by Blakemore at his gallery in this city last Thursday, the 16th inst. Rev. Mr. Needham will be 100 years old at his next birthday—some time in May, 1898. He has never quit preaching. He prayed an earnest and powerful prayer at Central church prayer meeting Wednesday night.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: Mr. John B. Shannon, formerly a citizen of this county, died at his home in Morning Star township, Mecklenburg county, December 3rd, 1897. He was sixty-one years old. —— We learn that Mr. Charles Scott, of Goose Creek township, while coming from Charlotte a few days ago, says that he was knocked down and robbed of $193. Our informant says that Mr. Scott left his wagon and went some distance to a spring to get a drink of water and while at the spring was robbed.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: Warwick Jones, a hard working colored man who was hurt in the woods a few days ago by a falling tree, has since died from his injuries. —— Last Friday night some one broke into the postoffice at Spring Hill, took out a drawer containing money and stamps and carried it to the depot lamp, rifled it and left. The money and stamps taken amounted to about $10. There is no clue yet as to who was the thief. —— Mr. Cullen Lewis, who lived near Dawson's, died quite suddenly Friday morning last. He had been ailing a little, but no one thought it serious. He was taken with a pain in the region of the heart, and got up and dressed and went a short distance to the home of his son, Mr. J. O. Lewis. Soon after he reached his son's he was suddenly taken worse, and before his neighbors could get there he was dead.

—Wadesboro *Messenger Intelligencer*: On Sunday, the 11th inst., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Edwards, who live in Burnsville township, left their young children in charge of Sam Spears, a 16-year old colored boy, employed by Mr. Edwards, while they went on a visit to neighbors. Some time during the day the negro enticed Mr. Edward's little 6 year old daughter into the barn and attempted to assault her. The little girl's 8 year old brother discovered the fiend and interfered, but not until she had been painfully injured. On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards they were informed of what had taken place by the children. The father went at once in search of Spears, but the brute had fled and could not then be found. On the Tuesday following, it being the 14th instant, Spears was arrested and taken before a magistrate for a hearing on the charge of rape, but as the magistrate ruled that the evidence of the children could not be taken—and there was no other evidence—the brute was discharged and taken to Stanly county by his father, who lives there

— Gastonia *Gazette*: The horribly mangled body of a white man was found on the railroad track near Dilling's Mill, in King's Mountain, last Sunday morning about 8 o'clock. It was afterwards identified as that of Tom Best, the leader of the notorious Best brothers near Bessemer. The fact that knife cuts were discovered in his back and that he had been in a row during the night led to the suspicion of foul play. Coroner Oates, of Gaston, held an inquest, during which it was developed that if it was a case of murder the deed was committed in Cleveland county, since the county line passes between the scene of the row and the place where the dead body was found. The accused persons were Bud Lay, C. C. Harden and Charles Fulton. They had a preliminary hearing in King's Mountain yesterday. Lay was bound to court in the sum of $300 and Harden in the sum of $200 for assault with a deadly weapon, which bonds were given. Fulton was fined $20 and costs. The theory of the defence was that after the row Best was killed by the train when he was trying to board it.

All She Wanted.

A Scotchwoman was returning by train from a market town, where she had made a few purchases. Just as the last bell rang a fussy gentleman, elegantly dressed and with a "mind thyself" looking face, rushed into the compartment, flung himself hastily into a corner, pulled out an evening paper and proceeded to devour its contents. Hardly had he become seated when the woman timidly addressed him, "I am very sorry, sir, but"—

"I never listen to beggars," fiercely interrupted the gentleman. "If you annoy me further, I'll report you."

The woman's eyes flashed, then twinkled. She said no more, and the old gentleman retired, with an angry frown, behind his paper.

All went merrily as a marriage bell until the train arrived at Cromlade, when the "auld wife," in stepping out, again addressed the churlish individual in the corner, "I care na, sir, whether ye report me or no, but I want that pound of butter ye've been settin on for these last six mile."—Pearson's Weekly.

Stone Soles.

A German inventor has hit upon a method of putting stone soles on boots and shoes. He mixes a waterproof glue with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation. These quartz soles are said to be very flexible and practically indestructible.

Very Parisian.

An impressionable Paris banker, the owner of immense riches, died of grief on hearing that he had lost everything in the world except 100,000 francs. His pauper brother on inheriting that sum from him died of joy.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take, and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Regular size 50c and $1 00. †

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of *Chat H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

MET HIS MATCH.

Never heard of Redmond O'Hanlon, the Irish highway robber? Well, that's surprising. Your English Turpins and French Duvals couldn't hold a candle to our highwaymen. But for all his shrewdness he met his match once, and I'll tell you how it was.

Redmond was a fine, strapping, gentlemanly fellow, and a devoted admirer of the ladies—as where is the Irishman that is not—and, what is more, a friend to the poor, as you'll admit when I tell you that his demands for cash were only made on persons who could well afford to meet them, and that he delighted in forcing contributions from those who had the name of hard landlords to their tenants. There was one of this class whom Redmond never lost an opportunity of taxing, for that was the polite name he gave to his own robberies. Every quarter day this gentleman, or one of his servants—sometimes more than one—used to take a journey of six or seven miles to collect his rents, and as regular as clockwork there was Redmond O'Hanlon, with some stout companions, if necessary, to waylay the collector as he returned home. Every means was used to elude him, but to no purpose. He had spies everywhere and contrived to get the exact information he needed in advance.

So one quarter day, when the gentleman's servants asked him about going for the rents, he swore at O'Hanlon and said he didn't see the use of collecting money to hand it over to him.

Now this gentleman had on his estate a boy called "Jerry the Fool," who had the run of the house and made fun for the family. He had a great conceit for himself, and when he heard what the master said he immediately asked to be allowed to go after the rents for once and declared he would know the way to bring them home. Of course he was only laughed at, but when he represented that no harm would come from trying, as he couldn't do worse than all who had gone before him, the master agreed to humor him. Upon that Jerry made such preparations as he thought suitable, chose the worst horse in the stable—an old hack half blind and three-quarters lame—and started on his enterprise. Nothing occurred on the way. He collected a considerable amount of money, carefully disposed it about his person and started homeward.

Toward evening, as he was quietly jogging along on the old hack and was just entering a long lane with high hedges on each side, a tall, fine looking man rode up to him on a handsome roan mare.

"God save you, my man," says the gentleman.

"God save your honor!" replies Jerry.

"What's your name, my man?" asks the gentleman.

"Jerry the Fool, and I ain't ashamed of it. What's yours?"

The gentleman took no notice of the question. After awhile he says, "That is a fine animal you're riding, Jerry?"

"Faith, I'm glad your honor likes it," said Jerry. "But it isn't myself that'd care to take a lease of his life. But he'd serve my turn anyway, for it's not in a hurry I'm traveling—I've only been to the village beyond to collect the master's rents for him."

"Surely he's not such a fool to trust you with that job?"

"Arrah, why not?" asks Jerry in great surprise.

"Why, don't you know that Redmond O'Hanlon's on this road?"

"Redmond O'Hanlon, is it," says Jerry. "Ugh! That for Redmond O'Hanlon!" says he, snapping his finger. "Faix, Jerry the Fool is a match for half a dozen of the likes of him any day in the week, and Sunday into the bargain."

The stranger laughed, and then rode on in silence till they came to a very lonely part of the road, when he drew a brace of pistols and told Jerry to hand over all the money he had about him or he'd try if he had any brains by sending a couple of bullets through his head.

"Meala murther!" roars Jerry in surprise and fright. "You don't mean to say your honor's Redmond O'Hanlon?"

"I do indeed. So hand over, my man, and look sharp about it."

"But, faix, it's kilt entirely by the master I'll be when I get home without the rint."

"What's that to me?" said O'Hanlon.

"Anyhow," said Jerry, "I must show them that I made a murdering fight for it. Perhaps your honor wouldn't mind firing a shot through my old beaver."

O'Hanlon did so, laughing at the trick.

"And now another through the breast of my coat, and heaven bless you." This was done. "Now just one in the skirt of it, and good luck to your honor."

"But I've discharged both my pistols and don't want the trouble of loading them again for you."

"Faix, I should dearly like a shot through the skirts. It would show I fought desperate. Are you sure your honor hasn't another pistol in your pocket, that you wouldn't mind firing for a poor boy's sake?"

"Confound you! To be sure, I haven't. Hand over the money, or I'll beat you to jelly with my horsewhip."

"Well," says Jerry after a good deal of fumbling, "I suppose, considering the trouble I've had in collecting these rents, your honor won't mind the little bother of going over the hedge after them."

And he threw over a sack, apparently well filled with coin. Half laughing, half angry, the highwayman, first aiming at Jerry with his whip, which he avoided by ducking, dismounted and climbed over the hedge, and no sooner had he done so than Jerry slipped off the old hack and mounted O'Hanlon's horse.

"Bad scran to you, Redmond O'Hanlon!" he bawled. "Didn't I tell you Jerry the Fool was a match for a dozen of you? It's a sack of brass buttons you're gone over the hedge after, you thief of the world!" And touching the fine mare with the spur he galloped off, singing the old melody, "Go to the mischief and shake yourself."—Exchange.

Victims of Cruel Fashion.

In the last issue of the medical reports of the Chinese maritime customs reference is made by the medical officer at Chun-Khung to the injuries frequently arising from the practice of compressing the feet of women and girls. It appears that the women of Se-Tchuan province, and especially of Chun-Khung, bind the feet more tightly than in other districts in the Yangtse valley. The practice, too, is more general, for the very poor as well as the farming community bind the feet and seem to regard feet the natural size in women as reproachfully as the wealthy classes.

When questioned closely, not one woman in a hundred will deny that she is a constant sufferer owing to the tight bandages. Many foreigners in China imagine that after a woman reaches maturity she is free from pain; but, according to this authority, this is not the case. Dr. Macartney, the writer of the report, never found an elderly woman who did not complain of pain.

Women with compressed feet cannot stand for any length of time without great suffering, in addition to the agony endured in the early period of binding. Paralysis of the legs frequently ensues because of the practice, and in every case treated by him the patient recovered rapidly when the feet were unbound and left free. Eczema and ulceration also are common, not among the poor only, but among the wealthy and official classes. In several cases within his own practice gangrene, calling for amputation, followed on compression, and in two cases nature had amputated both feet after gangrene caused by bandaging.—London Times.

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Apologies.

They were talking the other evening about apologies and how awkward they were to make and still more awkward sometimes to receive. One woman said that she always felt like "apologizing for apologizing." "Which reminds me," said a man of the party, "of the darky preacher's sermon on stealing, in which he took occasion to say to his congregation, 'I see six chicken thieves before me, including Brudder Johnsing.' This naturally 'riled' Brudder Johnsing, so he at once called upon the preacher and demanded an apology. Whereupon the preacher arose on the succeeding Sunday and restated his position as follows, 'I see five chicken thieves before me, not including Brudder Johnsing.'"—New York Sun.

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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Article		
BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		@ 6¾
Standard		@ 7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams per ℔	12	@ 14
Sides per ℔	6	@ 7¾
Shoulders per ℔	6	@ 7¼
DRY SALTED—		
Sides per ℔	5	@ 5¼
Shoulders per ℔		@ 5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	@ 1 10
New New York, each		@ 1 30
New City, each		@ 1 20
BEESWAX per ℔		@ 22
BRICKS—		
Wilmington per M	6 00	@ 7 00
Northern	9 00	@ 14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina per ℔	15	@ 18
Northern	18	@ 28
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@ 45
Virginia Meal	44	@ 45
COTTON TIES—per bundle		@ 85
CANDLES—per ℔		
Sperm	18	@ 25
Adamantine	8	@ 10
CHEESE—per ℔		
Northern Factory	10	@ 11
Dairy, Cream		@ 11
State	10½	@ 12
COFFEE—per ℔		
Laguyra	20	@
Rio	7½	@ 10
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, per yard		@ 5¼
Yarns, per bunch	18	@ 20
EGGS—per dozen	15	@ 16
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, per barrel	22 00	@ 30 00
Mackerel, No 1, per half-barrel	11 00	@ 15 00
Mackerel, No 2, per barrel	16 00	@ 18 00
Mackerel, No 2, per half-barrel	8 00	@ 9 00
Mackerel, No 3, per barrel	13 00	@ 14 00
Mullets, per barrel	3 00	@ 3 50
Mullets, per pork barrel		@ 6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, per keg	3 00	@ 3 25
Dry Cod, per ℔	5	@ 10
" Extra	3 25	@ 3 50
FLOUR—per barrel—		
Low grade		@ 3 75
Choice		@ 4 15
Straight		@ 5 00
First Patent	5 25	@ 6 00
GLUE—per ℔	7½	@ 8½
GRAIN—per bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White		@ 45
Car load, in bags—White		@ 44
Oats, from store	32½	@ 35
Oats, Rust Proof		@ 40
Cow Peas		@ 55
HIDES, per ℔		
Green		@ 6
Dry		@ 8
HAY, per 100 ℔s—		
Clover Hay	80	@ 85
Rice Straw		@ 50
Eastern		@ 90
Western		@ 85
North River		@ 75
HOOP IRON, per ℔	1¾	@ 2
LARD, per ℔		
Northern	5½	@ 6
North Carolina	6	@ 10
LIME per barrel	1 15	@ 1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) per M feet—		
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	@ 20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@ 16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@ 18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@ 22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@ 15 00
MOLASSES, per gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hhds		@ 26
" " in bbls		@ 28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@ 26
" in bbls		@ 28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@ 14
" in bbls	14	@ 15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@ 15
NAILS, per keg, Cut, 60d basis		@ 1 50
PORK, per barrel—		
City Mess	9 25	@ 9 50
Rump		@ 9 25
Prime		@ 9 25
ROPE, per ℔	10	@ 22
SALT, per sack Alum		@ 1 10
Liverpool		@ 80
Lisbon		@
American	60	@ 80
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@ 50
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@ 6 50
Common	1 80	@ 2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@ 3 50
SUGAR, per ℔—Standard Granu'd		@ 5⅝
Standard A		@ 5⅜
White Ex. C		@ 4¾
Extra C, Golden		@ 4¼
C. Yellow		@ 3¾
SOAP, per ℔—Northern	3½	@ 4
STAVES, per M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@ 14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@ 10 00
TIMBER, per M feet—Shipping		@ 9 00
Mill, Prime		@ 7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@ 4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@ 5 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@ 3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
per M 6x24 heart	7 50	@ 8 50
" Sap	5 00	@ 6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@ 5 00
" Sap	4 00	@ 4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@ 6 50
" Sap	5 00	@ [illegible]
TALLOW, per ℔		@ 6
WHISKEY, per gallon—Northern	1 00	@ 2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@ 2 00
WOOL per ℔—Unwashed	8	@ 15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market opened dull at 31 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30½ cents for country casks. Sales later at 30½ and 30½c

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet; $1 40 per barrel for Hard, 1 90 for Yellow Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine dull, 24½, 24c. rosin firm, $1 45, 1 50; tar steady, $1 05; crude turpentine quiet and steady, $1 40, 1 90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	97
Rosin	584
Tar	621
Crude Turpentine	86

Receipts same day last year—88 casks spirits turpentine, 146 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 5⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6⅛ and 6 9-16c.

Receipts—2 025 bales; same day last year 755.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2 25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5 50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended December 24, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
11,552	797	2,734	4,069	380

RECEIPTS.

For week ended December 24, 1896.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
7,536	589	[illegible]	3 115	216

EXPORTS.

For week ended December 24, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic..	105	411	84	1,316	292
Foreign ...	000	000	5,053	500	000
	105	411	5,137	1,816	902

EXPORTS.

For week ended December 24, 1896.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic..	251	255	153	696	299
Foreign ...	10 3 3	000	000	000	000
	10 574	255	153	693	299

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 24, 1897.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	11,583	21,003	38,456
Spirits	2,885	893	3,778
Rosin	33,412	8,084	41,496
Tar	5,321	609	5,930
Crude	368	000	368

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 24, 1896.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude
14,471	1,751	28,191	5,651	3.9

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK. Dec. 24—Evening.—Money on call firm at 3@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange closed firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484½@484½ for demand; 481½@481½ for sixty days. Posted rates 482@483 and 485@486. Commercial bills 480½. Silver certificates 57½@58½. Bar silver 57½. Mexican dollars 45⅝. Government bonds were weak; new fours, registered, 128½; new fours, coupon, 128½; fours, registered, 112½; fours, coupon, 114½; twos, registered, 98½; fives registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine firm; 30c bid and 30½c asked. no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31c; sales 618 casks; receipts 687 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2,238 barrels; receipts 3,667 barrels: A, B, C, D $1 20, E, F $1 25 G $1 35, H $1 45 I $1 65, K $1 80, M $1 95, N $2 30, W G $2 65, W W $3 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK. December 24.—With a brace of holidays at hand for the cotton market of New York, New Orleans and Liverpool, there was a natural desire to even up outstanding contracts and to avoid risk in making new ventures. Today's market, therefore, while opening steady at a decline of 1@2 points ruled irregular and moderately active. English cotton market reports were not as good as hoped for, while receipts were inclined to broaden out which led to a little local liquidation increasing the decline to 3@5 points. Sellers were conservative, however, and at best it was a small market. The close was dull at a net loss of 5@6 points.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1897: Galveston, 1,317,453 bales; New Orleans, 1,406,128; Mobile, 213,730; Savannah, 824,810. Charleston, 351,506. Wilmington, 261,864; Norfolk, 403,465; Baltimore, 27,587; New York, 57,786; Boston, 93,153; Newport News, 5,444; Philadelphia, 36,373; Brunswick 112,126. Port Royal, 40,463; Pensacola, 49,873. Total, 5,200,121.

NEW YORK. Dec. 24.—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 5 15 16c.

Cotton futures—market opened steady and closed dull, with sales for the day of 120,700 bales; January 5 74, February 5 77, March 5 82, April 5 87, May 5 92, June 5 97, July 6 01, August 6 05, September 6 04, October 6 05, December 5 73.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 5 15 16c; middling gulf 6 3 16c; no sales.

Cotton—net receipts 848 bales; gross 5,480 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1,496 bales; forwarded 2,784 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 105,517 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 54,884 bales; exports to Great Britain 13,142 bales; to France 484 bales; to the Continent 20,152 bales; stock 1,134,247 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 358,834 bales; exports to Great Britain 110,901 bales; to France 43,127 bales; to the Continent 110,987 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,200,121 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,667,222 bales; exports to France 484,575 bales; exports to the Continent 1,365,962 bales.

Dec. 24.—Galveston, firm at 5½c, net receipts 13,263 bales; Norfolk, firm at 5¾, net receipts 3,766 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅞, net receipts 2,547 bales; Boston, steady at 5 15 16, net receipts 1,183 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 3,073 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6 3 16, net receipts 186 bales; Savannah, steady at 5 3 16, net receipts 8,419 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5⅜, net receipts 19,648 bales; Mobile, steady at 5¼, net receipts 1,842 bales; Memphis, firm at 5 5 16, net receipts 2,709 bales; Augusta, firm at 5 9 16, net receipts 1,899 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 2,604 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Evening.—Flour dull and entirely nominal; winter patents $4 85@5 15, Minnesota patents $5 15@5 45. Minnesota bakers' $4 25@5 40. Wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red $1 02⅜ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York $1 03⅛ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba $1 04⅝ afloat; options opened firm on better private Liverpool cables and were generally firm all day on covering, closing entirely nominal at ½@⅝c net advance; No. 2 red, May closed 95⅜c; December closed 1 01⅜. Corn—spot firm; No. 2 35c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm and advanced on covering, closing nominal at ½@¼c net advance; May closed 34⅝@34⅞c. December closed 33c. Oats—spot nominal; No. 2 28½c; options firm all day, with a light trade, closing ⅜c higher. December closed 28⅜c; May closed 28⅜c Lard steady; Western steam $4 82½. Pork dull. Butter—the market was reported firmer; Western creamery 15@22 do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 22½c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21½ Cheese dull; large white September 8½c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½c; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull. Rice steady. Cotton seed oil dull; prime crude 18@18½c; prime summer yellow 21½@22c. Coffee—spot Rio easy; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No 7 jobbing 7½c; mild steady; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 4⅛; refined strong.

CHICAGO, December 24.—Buying by the bull clique and covering by the traders not wishing to remain short over the holidays made a strong speculative wheat market to day. May closing ⅝ to ¾c higher. December was a trifle weaker and declined ½c. Corn and oats were firm, corn advancing ⅛c, while oats added ¼ to ⅜c to its former price. Provisions barely held their own.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cash quotations: Flour firm; winter patents $4 70@4 80; winter straights $4 20@4 40; spring specials $5 50, spring patents $4 40@4 80; do. straights $4 10@4 40; bakers $3 50@3 80. Wheat—No. 2 spring 89⅜@90⅜c; No. 3 spring 82@91c; No. 2 red 99. Corn—No. 2, 27@27½c. Oats—No. 2, 23½@23⅝c; No. 2 white f. o. b —c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 24½@24½c. Rye—No 2, 47c Mess pork per barrel $7 70@7 75. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 57½@4 60 Short rib sides, loose, $4 42½@4 47½c Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 62½@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 65@4 95. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 99½, 99⅝, 98¾ 99; January 95½, 95⅝ 95½ 94½; May 91⅛@94½, 94⅜, 94½, 94⅜c. Corn—December 26⅛ 26⅜, 26⅛ 26⅝c; January 26⅜ 26⅜ 26⅜ 26⅜c; May 29⅛@29⅜, 29⅜ 29⅛c; July 30⅜ 30⅜@30⅞ 30⅝, 30⅜c. Oats—December 22¼, 22⅜ 22¼, 22⅜c; May 23, 23¼ 23 23¼@23⅜c. Mess pork per bbl—December $7 70; January $8 70, 8 75 8 70 8 75; May $8 85, 8 97½ 8 92½, 8 97½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 45. January $4 52½, 4 57½ 4 52½, 4 57½: May $4 70 4 72½, 4 70, 4 72½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 42½ January $4 40 4 42½, 4 40 4 42½; May $4 55, 4 57½, 4 55, 4 57½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Flour inactive and unchanged. Wheat strong; spot and month 99¼@99⅜c; January 99½@99⅜c; May 95c bid; steamer No. 2 red 93⅜@94c; Southern wheat by sample 94c@$1 00c; do on grade 94⅜@99½c. Corn firm; spot and month 33⅛@33⅜c; December, new or old. 33⅜@33⅜c; January 33@33½c; February 33½@33⅜c; steamer mixed 31½@31⅝c; Southern white and yellow corn 29@33⅜c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 29@29½c, No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—4 P. M.—Closing cotton—Spot in fair demand and prices firm. American middling 3 7-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 3 500 were for speculation and export, and included 11 100 American. Receipts 25,000 bales, of which 20,400 were American. Futures opened and closed quiet with a moderate demand. American middling (l m c): December 3 11 64d buyer; December and January 3 11 64d buyer; January and February 3 11 64d seller; February and March 3 11 64@3 12 64d seller; March and April 3 12 64d seller; April and May 3 13 64d value; May and June 3 14 64d buyer; June and July 3 16 64d seller; July and August 3 16 64@3 17 64d buyer; August and September 3 17 64@3 18 64d buyer; September and October 3 18 64@3 19 64d buyer; October and November 3 19 64@3 20 64d value.

The tenders for delivery at to-day's clearings were 900 bales new docket and 1,200 bales old docket.

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Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

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CLEARED.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

Stmr Frank Sessoms, Ward, Black River, Jas Madden.

Br steamship Magdala, 2297 tons, Reid, Bremen, Alex Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—Br steamship Magdala—11 856 bales, 5 838 716 pounds of cotton, valued at $350,323; vessel and cargo by Alex Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1897.

SCHOONERS.

Clara, 281 tons, Hatch, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

D J Sawyer, 336 tons, Kelley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Cora M, 187 tons, Mitchell, Geo Harriss Son & Co.

Mabel Darling (Br), 112 tons, Roberts, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Bessie Brown, 220 tons, Smith, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Falcon (Nor) 390 tons, Ohre, Paterson, Downing & Co.

Poseidon (Nor) 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco, Heide & Co.

Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbefson, Heide & Co.

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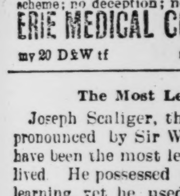

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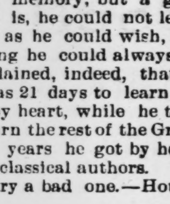

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ACTOR AND ACTRESS.

He stood upon the shore of Loch Glas Dhu gazing in rapt admiration on the broad, dark stretch of glassy waters, on the bare mountains whose bases were laved by those waters, but whose peaks cleft the clouds, and he listened to the soughing of the wind among the pines around him.

He heard the plash of sculls. A boat advanced, propelled by a sunburned, gray eyed girl of—for her sex—robust build.

"Lassie," shouted the young man in the knickerbocker suit, "if you'll pull me across the loch I'll give you a shilling."

"Into the boatie, then, wi' ye," she said as she backed her tiny craft to where he stood.

For awhile he gazed from the stern sheets on his trim waterwoman. Silently puffing his pipe, he became conscious that the sunburned face was a perfect oval, that the eyes were shaded with long, sweeping lashes, their brows beautifully penciled, the nose straight as though cut in marble—saw that the chin had a delicious dimple and that the mouth was a veritable Cupid's bow in coral, revealing when the lips parted two rows of pearl.

And she beheld a manly, gentlemanlike young fellow of some 25 years, good looking, fairly well dressed, with a genial smile on his lips and a good humored twinkle in his eyes.

"You live on the loch side, lassie?" he said interrogatively, and she answered: "Aye. An do ye?"

"No; wish I did," he replied. "I'm putting up at McTavish's cot for trout fishing."

"Some head gillie's daughter," he decided.

"A London bank clerk or lawyer taking a holiday," she soliloquized.

The keel grated on the other shore.

"Here you are, lassie!" said he. "A bright new one." And he slipped a white shilling, new from the mint, into her hand.

She looked at it a moment, then said with a demure courtesy:

"Thank ye kindly, sir. I'll prize it."

A day or so later they met again, he armed with his rod and tackle. Once again he hailed her.

"They tell me the trout swarm under the lee of that islet," he said. "Will you take me over?"

"That will I," she replied. "But the best spot for them is by yon eddy, ten yards ayint the loch o' the island."

The sport was excellent. Again and again he landed the silvery, glittering and wriggling trout and salmon. And the lassie proved herself a useful as well as an ardent fisherwoman, handling the net with a smartness evidently born of long experience and giving shrewd suggestions in the matter of hooks, flies and bait.

"What's your name, lassie?" he asked.

"Jeannie. What might yours be?"

"Ferrers."

They chatted on various subjects, and Ferrers was now and then startled at the familiarity evinced by his Gaelic companion with subjects ignorance as to which could easily have been pardoned.

"You're most awfully kind," he replied. Then a little awkwardly, as she sculled back to the shore, "Will you come again tomorrow?"

"I'm thinking I'll no be able tae," she replied.

"That's a pity. I go to town the day after. I've taken up a deal of your time, Jeannie. I've had the use of your boat, and through your assistance I've had excellent sport—er—here's a sovereign for the use of the boat."

"Nae, nae. I'll no tak a bawbee frae ye." And in a moment she was bounding up the narrow mountain path like a young roe.

One night some two years after the incident already related above young Lord Castleton lounged into Lady Diana Vansittart's ballroom with the nonchalance which was his distinguished characteristic.

His hostess accorded him a gracious greeting.

"Ah, Castleton, back from the east—tired of shooting tigers?"

'Tired of everything, Lady Di"— then hastily—"except, of course, of the pleasure of seeing you."

"Prettily put, but an afterthought." Her charming ladyship laughed. "Why don't you marry some nice girl and settle down?"

"Afraid I should soon be more tired of that than anything," drawled his lordship. "I've met heaps of nice girls, but none I shouldn't in time, I think, get tired of," and he added mentally, "except one."

"Let me introduce you to one," said Lady Diana. "One who is seldom seen in London society, one who is as tender, good, gentle and wise as she is wealthy, highborn and influential—a Scottish chieftainess who spends her time mostly in the wildness of her native glens and mountains among her cottars and her crofters, who love her with all the devotion of the highlanders of old days."

They cross the ballroom. Lady Diana approaches a girl who is surrounded by a bevy of admirers old and young.

"Let me introduce," she whispers, "Lady Jane Carmichael—Lord Castleton."

"What an actress you'd have made!" he said an hour later.

It was the wedding of the season, and Lady Diana to this day claims that but for her they never would have met, and that it is the most successful match she ever made.—London News.

Strictly Accurate.

"I shot a turkey once," said the returned traveler, "so big that it took five men to hold him."

After the usual expressions had been passed round he continued:

"I meant to hold him after he was cooked."—Odds and Ends.

At the better class of Parisian cafes, writing paper, envelopes, pens, ink, etc., are furnished to the guests free. In hotels of the same city guests have to pay for them.

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WOMAN AND HOME.

A WASHINGTON GIRL WHO SINGS SOUTHERN NEGRO MELODIES.

Children and Parents' Examples—A Girl's Familiar Friend—Exercise For Children. Effective Coloring—Frances Weston Carruth.

"What Joel Chandler Harris has done for the southern plantation stories Miss Dorsey is doing for the songs."

Such is the verdict of Thomas Nelson Page in regard to the original work undertaken and now being successfully carried out by Miss Anna Vernon Dorsey of Washington, and very high praise it is when we consider that competent critics predict for "Uncle Remus" a place in literature as assured and permanent as that of "Æsop's Fables."

Indeed, as a contribution to folklore the songs and hymns would seem to be of even more value than the stories as more distinctively characteristic of the race, for the negro is nothing if not musical, and in these weird compositions the otherwise unsuspected melancholy of his strange, incongruous nature finds expression.

Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth is of the opinion that no one born north of Mason and Dixon's line can write negro dialect, and certainly none but a southerner born and bred, who had been lulled to sleep in dusky arms and learned to lisp their songs in infancy, could reproduce the rich, wild notes of the negro and the unpremeditated turns in the pathetic minor strains which set at defiance all systems of musical notation.

Senator Voorhees of Indiana calls Miss Dorsey's rendition of these melodies in-

ANNA VERNON DORSEY.

spirational singing. Her very frame seems to vibrate with song and her body sways with rhythmic meter of the verse. The young lady, who has been for a number of years a resident of Washington, where her father is connected with the Congressional library, is a member of a distinguished Maryland family. She first became known to the public six years ago through her romance of old Maryland life, "Betty—A Last Century Love Story," which was brought out in The Cosmopolitan and afterwards appeared in book form.

Circumstances, however, obliged Miss Dorsey to devote herself to work bringing more assured and immediate returns, and for a number of years she occupied a salaried position on the Washington Post.

Her recitals of "Negro Songs and Characteristics" had their origin in impromptu performances for the amusement of relatives and intimate friends, and, encouraged by their reception of them, she conceived the plan of giving a series of parlor entertainments on a larger scale, not only in Washington, but in some of the cities farther north.

To northern audiences, whose ideas of negro music had been formed from the boisterous songs heard at minstrel performances, Miss Dorsey's weird, plaintive reproductions were a revelation. The originality and novelty of the entertainments charmed them, and enthusiastic receptions cheered and encouraged her in her effort.

While singing in Washington in the parlors of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett Miss Dorsey, who was concealed by the folding doors, overheard some one exclaim, "They have a colored girl singing here tonight!" But it was not of a colored girl that I thought as "Roll, Jordan, Roll" burst forth from her lips in a torrent of melody. There was a quaver in the tone suggestive of age, and, closing my eyes, I saw before me, seated in the "amen corner" of a crowded revival meeting, an ancient colored crone, her foot striking the floor with measured beat, her bent form swaying to and fro, her face lighted with religious enthusiasm, as though even then "a-settin in de kingdom," she heard "Jordan roll."—Gilberta Whittle in Philadelphia Times.

Children and Parents' Examples.

One of the strangest things parents ever do is to punish their children for what they have not strength of character to overcome in themselves.

Fathers have been known to punish severely their little ones for profanity, when at the same time they almost unceasingly indulge in it, saying, "I have become accustomed to using such expressions and cannot help it, but I intend that my children shall form no such bad habits as I have."

Oh, "consistency, thou are a jewel!" Do they not realize that the whole list of the little one's doings is an imitation of its elders?

If the elder, with his reasoning faculties matured and with the full force of will power his own, cannot overcome a fault, how can a child be expected to?

Mothers often seat their little ones at the table containing food injurious to both parent and child, compelling the child to abstain while they partake, afterward remarking in the presence of the child, "I ate too much of that rich food, but I could not leave it alone, it was so good.".

What kind of an influence does such an example exert over a child? Does not the child feel that it has been wronged, and that as soon as it can have its own will it will indulge in the same food, or language, or other forbidden thing that seems to be considered so very wrong for the child but all right for older people.

Many times will the child say something before a caller for which it is reproved and in extenuating its conduct will say, "Why, mamma, I heard you say so." It is important to be very careful of words and actions before these little imitators, and do not punish for what we cannot overcome in ourselves.—Philadelphia Press.

A Girl's Familiar Friend.

You can never be too careful in the confidences which you make about your home life to your familiar friend. You may love her she may love you, but, after all, there is no tie so strong as that of blood, and the day will come when you will regret having underrated any one of your own kin. I like a girl to have a girl friend, and I think it good for her to share her pleasures, her interests in books or pictures, even her opinion of a bonnet with this friend, but I would advise her to remember to forget the unpleasant happenings in her own home and not even to whisper them to her close companion, who, while she may love her, may not be able to control her tongue, and so the stories will be repeated—these stories about family life—and some day they will come back dressed so that you will scarcely recognize them.

Enjoy your friend, but have it understood between you that home affairs are not to be discussed, and that each of you is to try to get the better of the somewhat morbid sensitiveness which is too often part of the character of the American girl. She is apt to think that nobody at home appreciates her, and she is only too apt to repeat this opinion until the world at large believes that she is treated in the most unkind manner. Very often in home life no hurt is meant, but it is only that where there are so many the peculiarities of one are apt to be overlooked. Make up your mind in the very beginning of your friendship that, even to your dearest friend, nothing except that which is pleasant shall be said about the home or its inmates.—Ruth Ashmore in Ladies' Home Journal.

Compliment.

An old doctor was very pungent and frank in his way of giving his opinion. A young preacher occupied his pulpit one day, and at dinner angled very much for a compliment, which was not forthcoming. At last the young man said:

"I hope I did not weary you by the length of my sermon, doctor?"

"No, nor b its depth either," was the laconic reply -London Fun.

FINDING THE LONGITUDE.

How This Calculation Is Made on a Vessel at Sea.

The clock used on shipboard to show the local time cannot be used for computing longitude, because the vessel changes her meridian from day to day on account of sailing east or west. Consequently the navigator is obliged to keep turning the hands of the clock either ahead or back at the rate of a minute for every 15 miles of longitude sailed to the eastward or westward.

It is the practice of the navigator to call "Eight bells!" every day when he observes the sun to cross the meridian and to immediately turn the hands of the clock to 12, but as he cannot determine the noon point exactly you will understand that the ship's clock at its best is not perfectly reliable. Remember that four minutes of time is equal to one whole degree, or 60 miles, of longitude.

Let us suppose that by an observation of the sun we figured out that when the altitude was measured the time at the ship was 2:35 o'clock in the afternoon. Now, at the instant that the height of the sun was determined the chronometer representing Greenwich time showed 6:55 o'clock p. m. Consequently the difference between the two times is proved by subtraction:

Time at Greenwich,	6h. 55m. p. m.
Time at ship,	2h. 35m. p. m.
Difference in time,	4h. 20m.

To find the longitude of the ship it is only necessary to convert the time into distance by the simple rule:

1 hour = 15 degrees
4 minutes = 1 degree
4 seconds = 1 minute

Therefore we realize that the ship is in the longitude of 65 degrees west of Greenwich. What is there to prove that the ship is in west longitude? Why, the time at Greenwich is 4 hours 20 minutes later than the time at ship, and this shows that Greenwich must lie east of us, because when it is 5 o'clock in the afternoon in England it is only noon here in New York, the sun having crossed the meridian of Greenwich five hours before it crossed ours.—Harper's Round Table.

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Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3 20 p m, arrives Lumberton 5 26 p m, Pembroke 5 46 p m, Maxton 6 12 p m, Laurinburg 6 28 p m, Hamlet 6 53 p m. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 402 for Portsmouth, Richmond, Washington and points North.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9 20 a m, arrives Weldon 11 41 a m, Raleigh 3 30 p m, Sanford 5 03 p m, Hamlet 6 58 p m, Rockingham 7 39 p m, Wadesboro 8 11 p m, Monroe 9 12 p m, Charlotte 10 25 p m, Athens 3 45 a m and Atlanta 6 20 a m. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4 10 p m, Richmond 8 56 p m, Portsmouth 8 45 p m. Arrives Weldon 11 10 p m, Raleigh 2 07 a m, Sanford 3 35 a m, Hamlet 5 10 a m, Rockingham 5 28 a m. Wadesboro 5 54 a m. Monroe 6 43 a m, Charlotte 7 50 a m, Lincolnton 10 20 a m, Shelby 11 [illegible] a m, Rutherfordton 12 30 noon, Athens 1 15 p m, Atlanta 3 50 p m. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 3—Leaves Hamlet 8 20 a m. Arrives Laurinburg 8 46 a m, Maxton 9 05 a m, Pembroke 9 31 a m, Lumberton 9 53 a m, Wilmington 12 05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1 00 p m. Arrives Athens 3 16 p m, Monroe 9 30 p m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4 35 p m. Arrives Shelby 5 55 p m, Lincolnton 6 56 p m, Charlotte 8 18 p m, Monroe 9 10 p m, Wadesboro 10 31 p m. Rockingham 11 05 p m, Hamlet 11 20 p m, Sanford 1 02 a m, Raleigh 2 16 a m, Weldon 4 55 a m, Portsmouth 7 25 a m, Richmond 8 18 a m, Washington 12 31 noon. Pullman sleepers, Atlanta to Washington, and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7 15 p m; arrives Gibson 8 10 p m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7 00 a m; arrives Hamlet 7 50 a m.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8 40 a m; arrives Cheraw 10 00 a m. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5 00 p m; arrives Hamlet 6 20 p m.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

In Effect November 28th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2. DAILY
Leave Wilmington	9 00 a m
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 p m
Leave Fayetteville	12 22 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 27 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1. DAILY.
Leave Mt Airy	8 40 a m
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	2 15 p m
Leave Climax	12 48 "
Leave Sanford	2 33 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 a m
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 p m
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 48 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 a m
Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

CONNECTIONS

At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railway.

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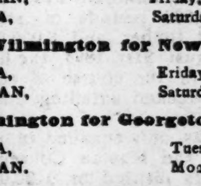

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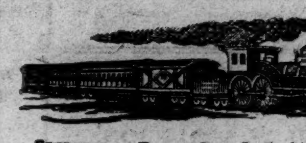

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DECEMBER 24, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 02 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12.55 p m, Rocky Mount 1.40 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7.15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.30 p m. Baltimore 1.06 a m, Philadelphia 3.50 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.42 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3 14 a m, Richmond 4.00 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.03 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 25 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 13 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.41 p m, Marion 6.43 p m, Florence 7.25 p m. Sumter 9.10 p m, Columbia 10 30 p m, Denmark 6.12 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12 55 p m, Charleston 10.53 p m, Savannah 1 50 a m, Jacksonville 7.50 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.25 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2.37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rock Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 15 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 26 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a m, Sanford 3 27 p m, Jacksonville 7 40 p m Savannah 1 45 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.25 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10.05 a m, Marion 10.41 a m, Chadbourn 11.45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4.30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 15 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 10 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 a m, arrive Latta 10.35 a m, Dillon 10 47 a m, Rowland 11 02 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 01 p m, arrives Dillon 6.23 p m, Latta 6.46 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 27 p m, Manning 6.58 p m, arrive Lane's 6.17 p m, leave Lanes 8.23 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 8 40 p m., Hartsville 9 35 p m, Bennettsville 9 36 p m, Gibson 10 00 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 35 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.32 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.13 p m, returning leave Rowland 11 02 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.15 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.43 p m, Selma 1.50 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.09 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 29 a m, Creston 5 17 a m, arrive Denmark 6 12 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 25 p m, Creston 5 31 p m, Sumter 6 25 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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Time Table No. 3

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Passenger Trains: Arrive	3 Passenger Trains: Leave	STATIONS	4 Passenger Trains: Arrive	4 Passenger Trains: Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 25, 1897

THE TRADE SITUATION.

Quietness Prevails in Wholesale Lines—A Heavy Holiday Trade in Nearly All Sections of the Country

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Bradstreets of to-morrow will say:

Quietness in wholesale lines, but pronounced and notable activity in retail trade, have been the salient features in this week's trade situation. Price changes, which are numerous, are largely in an upward direction, and the year draws to a close with results as a whole fully equaling and in many instances surpassing early expectations.

Perhaps the most notable feature has been the unanimity with which the trade reports from all parts of the country, with some few exceptions, point to a very heavy holiday trade, in nearly all cases comparing favorably with recent preceding years. Reports are that stocks of these goods have been heavily reduced. Particularly prominent in reporting a good retail trade in the West are Chicago, St Louis and Kansas City.

At the South, New Orleans reports retailers reaping a harvest, and December trade larger than usual. Similarly good reports come from Nashville, Savannah and Memphis, but collections and business would be larger were it not for the low price of cotton.

At the East, seasonable conditions prevail, wholesale trade being quiet and holiday business active. No improvement is noted in the cotton goods situation and wage reductions seem imminent. Good business has been done in boots and shoes and shipments are far ahead of last year.

Commercial failures in the United States remain about normal. The total for this week amount to 280, as compared with 288 in the previous week, but is smaller than the total in 1885, when 316 were reported. There are thirty business failures reported in the Dominion this week, against forty-three last week.

MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

The World's Visible Supply—Receipts at U. S. Ports—The Exports and Stocks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 24.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement shows the amount brought into sight was 449,568 bales, against 409,000 last year; thus far in December, 1,575,979, against 1,981,718 last year. The total movement for the 115 days of the season, 6 851,566 bales, against 6,083,614 last year and 4 693,190 year before last. Since September 1st, receipts at all United States ports were 5,355,447 bales, against 4,708,083 bales last year, 3,954,269 year before last and 5,018,519 same time in 1894. Overland to Northern mills and Canada, 624,264 bales, against 526 875 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 570,125, against 441,897 last year; Southern mill takings, exclusive of the amount consumed at Southern outports, 481,760 bales, against 415 260 last year.

Exports for the week were 273,953, against 290,557 last year and for the season 8,561 763, against 3 163,865 last year, an increase of 889 900 Including stocks left over the supply to date is 6,978 190, against 6,435,168 last year.

The world's total visible supply is 4,146 455 against 4,178 975 last year, of which 3 937,455 against 3 863 775 bales last year were American.

CHESTNUT STREET BANK.

The Examiner Refuses to Make Statement Regarding Its Assets and Liabilities.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA December 24.—The bank examiner and his assistants were busily engaged to day in going over the books and accounts of the Chestnut Street National Bank. The examiner declines to make any statement regarding the assets and liabilities of the institution, but says he will furnish a complete statement when his investigations are completed. Every effort is being made by President Singerly and the directors of the bank to adjust the accounts of the bank in such a manner that creditors will receive every dollar which is due them.

CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

Preparations Making for an Expedition from Some Point on the Florida Coast.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—Acting Secretary Spaulding to-day instructed Treasury officers on the Florida coast to prevent the departure of a filibustering expedition which for some days has been planned for Christmas or Sunday Reports received by the Department from its officers locate the men, munitions and point of departure, unless this latter shall be abruptly changed. The Department declines to state the points at which preparations are making or where the expedition will try to leave.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Dec. 24:

	1897	1896
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	358,884	307,907
Total receipts to this date.....	5,300,951	4,661,778
Exports for the week	363,953	221,124
Total exports to this date.....	3,517,759	3,146,067
Stock in all United States ports.....	1,184,247	1,819 530
Stock at all interior towns.....	637,679	569 100
Stock in Liverpool,..	770,000	912,000
American afloat for Great Britain.....	400.000	360,000

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GREAT FIRE IN CHICAGO.

THE MAMMOTH COLISEUM BUILDING TOTALLY DESTROYED.

A Number of People Thought to Have Lost Their Lives—Total Loss on Building and Contents $478,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 24.—Fire tonight destroyed the Coliseum building, in which the Democratic National Convention was held last year. The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time when the fire was originated, by the crossing of two electric light wires, until the Coliseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot bricks was not over twenty minutes. The building had been rented for an exhibition of a manufacturers' exhibition and was filled from end to end with booths, all of which were destroyed with all of their contents.

It is supposed that a number of people were lost in the flames, and although no bodies have been recovered, the following people are missing and have undoubtedly perished: Girl named Pauline, surname not known, seen to enter the burning building in search of her mother, whom she said was imprisoned by the flames. The girl and her mother were employed in the Irish village, the former as a dancer, and the latter doing chores.

Two women, dancers in the Midway exhibit; seen in the building just before it collapsed.

Two men, seen in the centre of the building during the fire by firemen.

L. Ladanyi and his son, conducted a sausage booth in the building; Ladanyi entered the structure during the fire to search for his son, whom he declared was penned in by the flames and never has since been seen. Both lived at the Columbian Central apartment building. A number of people were injured.

The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X rays. Two men were examining their Roentgen machine when they were startled by a sizzling noise behind them, and upon turning saw a part of their exhibit ablaze. Cross electric wires which were over the exhibit are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to smother the flames, but before they secured water and cloth the fire had spread throughout the entire booth. Morley, realising that he and his partner would be unable to cope with the flames, then made an endeavor to save some of the most valuable of the X ray paraphernalia. Running to the machine he grasped two Crookes tubes and then with Robertson began fighting his way out of the building. Before he reached an exit the tubes, which he held in both his hands, exploded, severely lacerating his hands. His hair also caught fire and he was severely burned about the head. Robertson was burned about the face.

About three hundred people were in the building at the time of the fire, and at the first alarm there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide, and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building there was little difficulty in reaching the doors. Most of those endeavoring to escape ran to a large door on the east side of the building which is wide enough to admit a team of horses and wagon.

A crowd of fully 900 people gathered before the door which was found to be locked, and as the fire was roaring through the building with great speed it seemed for a few moments as though none of these would be able to escape. W. J. Wheeler, a watchman, saw the trouble and ran to open the door, but the crowd was packed in front of it so closely that he had the greatest difficulty in opening it. Once it swung aside, however, the crowd was in the open air in a few seconds. During the jam at this point several people were badly crushed, but none were seriously injured. The balance of the people made their way through the other doors, and several who were caught in the balcony were compelled to jump to the ground from the roof. The balcony is lined with windows that swing outwards, and they had no trouble in getting upon the roof and from there to the ground was not great.

The firemen were at hand before all of the people were out, and before they made any effort to fight the flames they devoted their attention to clearing the hall of the people. By the time they were ready to pour water on the fire it was useless to do anything as the fire spread with such rapidity that there was no chance whatever of saving the building after it had once got beyond the confines of the booth in which it started. Within ten minutes after the fire began the roof was ablaze and in a very short time after the fire had appeared on the top of the building. One of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another and then another, each one going down with a sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly, as after the first arch went down the weight was too great for the arches next to it, and all collapsed. It took not over twenty minutes to make a complete ruin of the building. Nothing further is known of those supposed to be lost.

The Coliseum cost $950,000, and was twice as large as the Madison Square Garden building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres, including the ground and gallery floors, was 770 feet long by three hundred wide, and contained 2,500,000 pounds of steel, 1,300,000 feet of timber and 3,000,000 bricks. On August 21st, 1896, the first Coliseum, then in the course of construction, was wrecked, entailing a loss of $125,000.

The arena was only equalled in extent by that of the Roman Coliseum. The building was insured for $120,000, the insurance being written in twenty-six different companies.

It is almost impossible to form any idea of the loss to the exhibitors, as there were about one hundred booths in the place filled with all sorts of goods. The total loss on the building and contents is said to be $478,000; of this amount $350,000 was the value of the building, and $128,000 the estimated cost of the exhibits and material in the exposition in progress in the building.

A SCHOONER WRECKED.

She Cleared from Wilmington with Cargo of Lumber.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CAPE HENRY, VA., December 24.—The three-masted schooner Samuel Hall, Captain Mumford, from Wilmington, N. C., to New York, loaded with lumber, went ashore at Chicscomico life saving station between four and five o'clock this morning. The crew of seven was saved. The vessel is in good condition, but probably will be a total loss.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease $4,902,600; loans increase $8,937,000; specie, increase $136,700; legal tenders, decrease $4,529,000; deposits, decrease $738,800; circulation, decrease $29,600. The banks now hold $11,729,450 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

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EASTERN SITUATION.

A JOINT NAVAL DEMONSTRATION BY ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

Russia Preparing Quarters for Troops at Port Arthur—Believed That Great Britain Will Actively Oppose Russianization of Corea and Northern China.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 24.—The *Daily Mail* publishes a dispatch this morning from Tokio, which, it claims, evaded active censorship. The dispatch says;

"England and Japan, without entering upon an actual alliance, have arrived at a complete understanding which will probably result in a joint naval demonstration at the entrance of the Gulf of Pe-Chili.

"In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of a conflict is regarded as extremely distant."

LONDON, December 24.—Russia, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary quarters for 10 000 troops at Port Arthur. She has obtained a half promise from the grand council at Pekin to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway officials and the German officers and instructors. Fifty of the latter, the dispatch says, received notice to-day (Friday) that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts.

Contrary to general report, the dispatch asserts that there is good reason to believe Great Britain will actively oppose the Russianization of Corea and Northern China.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Topic of Discussion at a Cabinet Meeting in Washington—No Possibility of an Anglo-American-Japanese Alliance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—The country's attitude toward what appears to be an effort on the part of the Powers of Europe to dismember China was the principal topic of discussion at to-day's meeting of the cabinet. All the cabinet members were present, except Secretary Alger, who is ill at his home. While no formal action was taken in the absence of specific information as to the intention of the Powers of Europe, it was determined, as a member of the cabinet expressed it, "to keep a watchful eye upon the situation as it developed, in order that full protection may be given to the interests of the United States in China as guaranteed by our treaties with that country."

No disposition was manifested to participate in an extension of territory at the expense of China. Such a disposition would be contrary to the hitherto expressed and well understood policy of this government, and is not contemplated by the administration. It was determined, however, to protect carefully all interests and privileges which the United States now enjoys in China. Incidentally, the question of American relief to sufferers in Cuba arose, but in the absence of official information from the Spanish government, which had been expected but had not been received, no action of importance was taken.

The Cabinet understanding as to the attitude of the United States in the Chinese question promises to have a material influence in the development of the Eastern situation. The diplomats stationed here have eagerly awaited some intimation as to the purpose of this Government, and the foreign press, notably at London, Berlin and Vienna, have echoed the sentiments at those courts, that if the United States entered the field, either singly or in coalition with Great Britain and Japan, it would prove a material fac or in the Chinese question. The general understanding reached to-day doubtless will be made known to such foreign representatives as desire to sound this Government, and the information in turn will reach the foreign offices at London, Berlin, St. Petersburg and elsewhere. It will be a disappointment to some extent to China, which has looked to the United States as the nation occupying a disinterested position, permitting it to exert a strong influence in staying the dismemberment of the Empire. China has made no advances to this Government, however, but has occupied a passive attitude.

The views expressed at the cabinet put an end to any possibility of an Anglo-American-Japanese alliance, such as the foreign cables have suggested.

ACETYLENE GAS EXPLOSION

Caused the Loss of Two Lives and $20,000 Damage to Works in New Jersey.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 24.—A succession of explosions at the United Acetylene Liquifying Company's plant in Jersey City to-day caused the loss of two lives and $20,000 damage to the works. The dead are Thomas Fowler, the assistant engineer, and Max Grim.

There were only three other employes in the building at the time of the accident, and they received more or less injuries. Their names are Fred. Burr, Fritz Epzol and Charles White. James Leeb, who was working half a block away, was badly injured by a piece of the boiler. A fragment of the boiler tore the roof from a trolley car some distance away.

It is said that the first explosion was due to the boilers bursting, and as the fire spread to the various acid tanks there was a succession of deafening reports. Near by buildings as well as the Central Railroad trestle caught fire, but the losses were not serious in these instances. The machinery of the local electric lighting company was affected by the jar, causing the electric light in various buildings to go out. Max Grim's body was blown through a window and torn to pieces. The body of Assistant Engineer Fowler was found in the ruins of the wrecked building.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERY.

The $10,000 Robbery Still An Unsolved Mystery.

[*Columbia State, Dec. 24th*]

When Assistant General Superintendent Leary was seen last night and asked what progress had been made towards the solution of the $10,000 robbery mystery, he quietly responded: "There is nothing new." He went on to say that his men were at work on the case, but there had absolutely been no developments. The police are assisting in the effort to locate the stolen money and the thief. The thief may be caught in quick order, and then again it may be that he will never be caught; it is simply impossible to tell what the result of the efforts that are being made will be.

A report that was current yesterday to the effect that the package had been found at a small station where it had been sent by mistake proved upon inquiry to be untrue.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every WRAPPER.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

Christmas Travel—Percentage of Cures in State Insane Asylums Attracts Attention—Veterans in the Soldier's Home—The Park Hotel Management.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 24.

Christmas travelling was never better with the railroads; all trains are loaded to their capacity and some of them are thrown off their schedules.

The percentage of cures of patients at the Morganton and Central insane asylums in this State has been so large as to attract attention in other States. Morganton has a percentage of 56 and and the Raleigh asylum 54. A Massachusetts insanity expert writes here to know if the statistics are accurate.

There are now 109 veterans in the Soldiers' Home here. During the year sixty have been denied admission owing to the inadequate accommodations. The showing of the institution is indeed excellent.

One of the most remarkable conditions existing in the State was recently developed by a member of the Board of Charities. It has been ascertained that in one county the poor were farmed out to the highest bidder at $3 12½. The board decided at its meeting here to make a thorough investigation of the matter.

There is another change in the Park Hotel management. Mr. R. V. Highlands, the present manager, severs his connection to-day.

The Academy of Music will close after the 28th. "Never Again" is the last attraction that will appear there.

WARM WIRELETS

Heidlebach, Ickelheimer & Company, New York City, announce that they have $500 000 in gold leaving London to day consigned to them.

Prince Bismarck, who for the past few days has been ill, is now again enjoying satisfactory health. He will spend Christmas quietly with his family.

Peter Coleman, who murdered his wife some months ago, was hanged at Hanover court house Va., yesterday. The execution was quiet. Death was almost instantanious.

The total bank clearings of 87 cities in the United States for the past week were $1,881,363,831, an increase of 26 per cent. The total clearings outside of New York were $854,295,896, an increase of 17 per cent.

Yesterday afternoon the roasting plant of the Atlantic Peanut Company, Norfolk, Va., was gutted by fire, supposed to have originated from an electric light wire. The damage to stock and building amounted to about $3 500.

Through his attorney, Stephen A Jenks, a stockholder, made application to United States Judge adams at St. Louis, Mo., for a receiver for the Herring-Hall-Marvin Company, manufacturers of safes. Judge Adams named Leonard Matthews as receiver.

The Inter-state Commerce Commission has issued a circular to the railroads promulgating the order extending for two years the time within which the railroads shall equip their cars and engines with automatic couplers and driving-brakes, as required by the act of March 2ad, 1893.

Count Tolstoi and the Policeman.

The Russian papers are chuckling over the following incident, which happened during Count Tolstoi's recent stay at Moscow. Tolstoi, noticing a policeman taking a drunken man in somewhat forcible manner to the police station, stopped the police constable and asked him:

"Can you read?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"And have you read the gospel?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then you ought to know that we should not offend our neighbor."

The constable looked the count up and down, noticing his shabby appearance, and asked:

"Can you read?"

"Yes," said Tolstoi.

"And have you read the instructions to the police?"

"No."

"Very well, then, go and read them first, and then come back and talk to me again."

We can quite imagine that the great reformer, with his sense for the blunt humor of the lower classes, enjoyed the encounter as much as anybody.—Westminster Gazette

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY. †

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Wanted—Active man to travel in this and nearby counties. $60 a month and all expenses. No experience or capital required. Address, Shepp Company, 1090 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. dec 25 1t

FOR Christmas Presents the Atlantic Tea Co. will sell any of their line of fine Crockery, Glassware, Vases, &c., at bargain prices; also price of Teas and Coffees reduced for the Holidays. Give them a call at 618 North Fourth street. de 24 tf

Money made and time saved by new process for parching peanuts. I can roast large quantities at a time. It will pay you to let me roast for you. Write for particulars. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. de 23 tf

FOR this week only, 18 Photographs for one dollar. Front between Church and Castle streets. These are no tintypes. J. J. Burnett. de 19 1w

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 89, Philadelphia. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents, Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavronichols, 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 346, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 93. Inter-State Phone No. 93. de 9 tf

FOR best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. G. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, F. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 20 tf

Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices, Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street, Phone 268. sep 21 tf

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AT Low Prices.

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Fine Assortment of Hair Brushes.

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Everything at hard time prices.

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Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

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Highest cash prices paid for same. No commission or freight charged.

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House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth Sts.
House on Eighth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements
House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets.
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

Apply to D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent. de 15 tf

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THE FIRST INSTALMENT

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is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st., and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,

dec 3 tf Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTICE!

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Just received to-day, and you bet your life you can buy them cheap this week. Don't miss this chance.

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Excellent for Placing Under Carpet.

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A DIVIDEND OF 3 PER CENT. HAS BEEN declared by the Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company, payable on January 15th, 1898, to all stockholders of record on January 1st, 1898.

M. S. WILLARD, Secretary.

de 23 2t th tu

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I. B. RHODES,

de 23 tf Front Street Market.

Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier at al, are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 30 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 487, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. ORRELL, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

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100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
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25 Cases Rex Powder.
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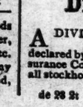

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Lace and buttons all warranted.

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STATEMENT OF ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 15th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$587,284 89	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	69 58	Surplus	$55,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	55 000 00	Undivided profits	30,404 01— 75 404 01
Banking House and Fixtures	1,000 00	Circulation	49,5 0 00
Due from other Banks	219,836 57	Total Deposits	690,691 58
Cash on hand	68,294 10—287,692 17		
Total	$940,595 59	Total	$940 595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$52,000	$62,400	$75 400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. de 24 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

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